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Dear Dr. Werdegar:

The Hollywood Community Hospital, Inc. congratulates the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) and its contractors in their effort to assess quality of care in California hospitals. As statistical incongruities are eliminated and as more consistent criteria can be established, this is a process that will gain greater value as a quality management tool in years to come. Hollywood Community Hospital is committed to using these outcome studies in the spirit to improve the quality of care provided by our hospital.

In our review of the results and the model used to obtain these results, we were pleased to know that our Risk Adjusted Outcome Rate of 9.2% and 9.7%, Model A and Model B respectively, were below the Statewide Outcome Rate of 13%. These statistics have been shared with our Medical Staff Committees and our Quality Council. We appreciated the opportunity to review our statistics prior to the data becoming public knowledge.

Again, on behalf of Hollywood Community Hospital, Inc., I would like to acknowledge the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development in their ambitious efforts to address the challenges inherent in this complex process. We wish to participate in future studies where improvement to quality is the primary goal. We hope our response satisfies any questions you may have regarding the data and welcome any additional questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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